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SUBJECT: FRENCH ARMS SALES TO SOUTH AFRICA

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1. THE ELYSEE HAS GIVEN THE QUAI A PARTIAL ANSWER TO ITS REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE ON FUTURE FRENCH POLICY COVERING THE SALE OF ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA COMBAL TOLD US JULY 9. HE SAID THERE IS NO QUESTION OF REVERSING DECISIONS ALREADY TAKEN SUCH AS THAT PERMITTING THE SALE OF MIRAGES. IN THE FUTURE, HOWEVER, ANY NEW REQUEST TO PURCHASE ARMS IS TO BE EXAMINED ON ITS MERITS AND THE DECISION IS TO BE BASED ON CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE MOMENT. COMBAL NOTED THAT THIS GUIDANCE IS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT GIVEN BY PRESIDENT POMPIDOU THREE YEARS AGO AT A TIME OF INCREASED BUT HARDLY SUCCESSFUL AFRICAN PRESSURES TO HALT FRENCH ARMS SALES.
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